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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Salad E. Abdullahi

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Response

1. The response filed on 8/20/2007 has been received and made of record.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-33 have been fully considered but are not persuasive for the following reasons.

Applicant alleges "DTI fails to disclose or suggest at least the feature of first determining, based on the received processing result, whether a service request processing for the second user is to be stopped" as recited in the independent claims. In other words, the presently claimed invention defines the terminating procedures i.e., "for the second user". This feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by DTI. For example, DTI merely describes processes for the initiating caller and does not mention a second user"

Examiner respectfully disagrees because DTI first determining, based on the received processing result, whether a service request processing for the second user (i.e., called party) is to be stopped) For example DTI describes Automatic Alternative Billing (AAB): This service allows a first user to call another/second user and ask him or her to receive the call at his or her expense. Two steps are involved: the calling party is welcomed to record a brief message giving the caller's name and explaining the call reason, then the called party is alerted, receives the recorded message and is asked to accept to be charged for that call. Another feature of DTI describes "Calling user A attempts to make a call. The call is screened via the screening list assigned to the originating line. The call is allowed to complete and is connected; 2) Calling user A attempts to make a call to a line with deactivated override feature. The call is screened

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via the screening list assigned to the originating line. The call is not allowed to complete. Because the override option is not active, there are no override prompts; 3) Calling user A attempts to make a call to a line with an activated override feature. The call is screened via the screening list assigned to the originating line. The call is not allowed to complete. Because the override option is active, the user is prompted for the identity code and enters the proper code. The call is connected. (see page 19, lines 1-10).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by (DTI Networks) **WO 00/54485** [hereinafter DTI Networks].

As per claim 1, DTI Networks discloses a method of processing a service request in an IP multimedia core network, comprising the steps of:

receiving a service request initiated by a first user, for a second user receiving a call from user A to user B) (see page 20, lines 21-25);

forwarding the received service request to a unit for processing a service (CPS) (see page 47, line 20, to page 48, line 2);

receiving a processing result from the processing unit (switch receiving response back from PCS) (see page 46 lines 1 to page 47, line 5); and

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first determining, based on the received processing result, whether a service request processing for the second user is to be stopped (i.e., called party)(see page 47, line 20-48, line 2).

As per claim 2-4, DTI Networks discloses the method according to claim 1, wherein the first determining step further comprises the steps of:

checking whether the processing result received from the processing unit includes an indication for stopping the service request processing for the second user, and when the indication is present, stopping the service request processing for the second user (see pages 41, line 16 to page 42, line 6).

As per claim 5, DTI Networks discloses the method according to claim 1, further comprising including destination identifiers in the service request forwarded to the processing unit and the processing result received from the processing unit, the first determining step further comprising the steps of:

comparing the destination identifiers of the service request forwarded to the processing unit and the processing result received from the processing unit, and stopping the service request processing for the second user when the compared destinations identifiers are different (see page 24, lines 13-16).

As per claim 6, DTI Networks discloses the method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of: second determining, based on the received processing result,

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whether to forward the service request to a third user (see page 41, line 16 to page line 6).

As per claims 7-11, DTI Networks discloses the method according to claim 6, further comprising the steps of including destination identifiers within the service request forwarded to the processing unit and the processing result received from the processing unit;

the second determining step further comprising the steps of:

comparing the destination identifiers of the service request forwarded to the processing unit and the processing result received from the processing unit(see page 41, line 16 to page line 6); and

switching to originating mode and forwarding the service request based on the destination identifier included in the processing result when a determination is made that the compared destination identifiers are different (see page 41, line 16 to page line 6).

As per claims 12-33, the claims include features similar to claims 1-11, thus claims 12-33 are rejected same rational as claims 1-11.

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Salad E Abdullahi whose telephone number is 571-272-4009. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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